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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 27, 2001, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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Referring to Figure 1, a typical fuse box used in an automobile is illustrated. The fuse box 10 is typically constructed of rigid plastic and includes a base 12 and a cover 14. The base 12 includes a number of terminals 16a and 16b disposed in a bottom portion 18 of the base. These terminals are electrically connected to fuse receptacles 22 on a top portion 20 of the base.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Additionally, the standard automobile fuses known in the art (e.g., see Figure 2) are manufactured as singular devices. Fuses shipped to the end user (e.g., an automobile manufacturer) are typically packaged as singulated devices that are delivered in bulk or placed within a "tube", taped together or that use other similar packaging that is convenient for the end user when inserting the fuses into the above-described fuse boxes. However, such packaging is costly and time intensive for the fuse manufacturer since the fuses must be individually separated and packaged.